

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
UNIVERSITY SENATE FRIDAY,  
April 14, 1961

The University Senate met at 2 p.m., Friday April 14th, 1961, President Carroll presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President recognized Dr. Tupper, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the University Senate, for a report on the work of the Committee since the last meeting.

The Senate then proceeded to take up the question of Item 1 on the agenda which consisted of the following proposal:

"That the President and other officers of the Student Council shall present annually to the University Senate, not later than May 1st, a report on conditions in the University as seen from the students' point of view. It is highly desirable that these reports be thoughtful and constructive. Copies of such reports shall be sent to each member of the University Senate".

After general discussion of this proposal, the following motions for amendments were proposed, seconded and carried unanimously:

- 1) That the words "be requested to" precede the word "present" in the first sentence of the proposal.
- 2) That the words "usually not" precede the word "later" in the first sentence of the proposal and the date "May 1st" be deleted and the words "April 1st" follow the word "than" in the first sentence of the proposal.
- 3) That the words "by the Secretary of the Senate" be inserted after the word "sent" in the last sentence of the proposal.

A motion was made to accept the amended proposal which then read as follows:

"That the President and other officers of the Student Council shall be requested to present annually to the University Senate, usually not later than April 1st, a report on conditions in the University as seen from the students' point of view. It is highly desirable that these reports be thoughtful and constructive. Copies of such reports shall be sent by the Secretary of the Senate to each member of the University Senate".

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Senate then proceeded to take up the question of Item 2 on the agenda which consisted of the following proposal:

- "A) It is proposed that the name "The Junior College" be abandoned.
- B) It is proposed that Columbian College be expanded to include, in addition to its present area of activity, the area formerly supervised by the Junior College. It is further proposed that the name of the combined unit be changed to the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.
- C) It is proposed that the A. A. degree be made optional".

At the request of the President, Chairman Tupper of the Executive Committee explained the proposed merger of the Junior and Columbian College had been studied intensively by the Committee of Eighteen which had conferred on occasions with Dean Linton and Koehl and Professors Wood, Russell Stevens, and Gray.

A motion to accept the above recommendation regarding the proposed merger was moved by Chairman Tupper and seconded by Professor Roderic Davison. After discussion of the merits of this plan, the motion was submitted to a vote and was unanimously carried.

President Carroll then reminded the Senate that this particular matter would have to go before the Board of Trustees for its confirmation before the matter could be finally settled.

Item 3 on the agenda consisted of the initial report of the Committee on University Objectives. Chairman Bright of this Committee gave a verbal analysis of his report to the Senate and general discussion followed. President Carroll congratulated Professor Bright and his committee on the scope and content of the report and made suggestions regarding Washington persons of some eminence who might be called upon for advice after some of these objectives had been more specifically formulated for discussion.

Item 4 on the agenda consisted of the initial report of the Committee on Public Ceremonies. Chairman Calabrisi of this Committee introduced Professor Reesing, a new member of the committee, who suggested that consideration might be given to the award of an honorary degree to President Kennedy in June. President Carroll replied that this had already been planned for May, subject to President Kennedy's ability to be present at the inauguration. Professor Reesing suggested the possible institution of a new custom - that of conferring an honorary degree upon all new Presidents of the United States within six months of their assuming office. President Carroll expressed his serious question of such a procedure as a permanent commitment of the University. Further discussion centered about ad hoc consideration of each Presidential incumbent. Chairman Calabrisi then expanded briefly upon the written report of his committee.

Professor Turner presented a report of the Scholarship Committee which had grown in part out of an exchange of memoranda with President Carroll. Professor Turner also inquired about activating a certain scholarship which had been dormant because of clauses restricting the type of student who might receive it. The Provost agreed to restudy this matter and spoke of a possible need for a legal action establishing precedent in court to make this possible.

President Carroll formally dissolved the Academic Council and the previously existing University Committee on Educational Policy. In the place of the latter, he announced a Council of Deans to confer with him on call.

President Carroll then requested that the question of smoking in classrooms be put on the agenda for the next meeting. He referred to prohibitions against smoking at American University and the University of Maryland.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee announced that the reports of Chairmen Willson (Student Relations Committee), Bowman (Administrative Matters), Davison (Appointments, Salaries and Promotion Policies) and Gray (Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom) would be taken up at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

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